

**Storm Water Management Plan  
For Priority Projects  
(Major SWMP)**

Project Name:	Kenwood Apts.
Permit Number (Land Development Projects):	STP-06-032
Work Authorization Number (CIP):	
Applicant:	Allied Earth Technology
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Date:	08/08/07
Revision Date (If applicable):	04/08/08

The County of San Diego Watershed Protection, Storm Water Management, and Discharge Control Ordinance (WPO) (Ordinance No. 9424) requires all applications for a permit or approval associated with a Land Disturbance Activity must be accompanied by a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) (section 67.804.f). The purpose of the SWMP is to describe how the project will minimize the short and long-term impacts on receiving water quality. Projects that meet the criteria for a priority project are required to prepare a Major SWMP.

Since the SWMP is a living document, revisions may be necessary during various stages of approval by the County. Please provide the approval information requested below.

Project Review Stage	Does the SWMP need revisions?		If YES, Provide Revision Date
	YES	NO	
RESUBMITTAL	✓		02/08/08

Instructions for a Major SWMP can be downloaded at <http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/dpw/stormwater/susmp.html>.

Completion of the following checklist and attachments will fulfill the requirements of a Major SWMP for the project listed above.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Please provide a brief description of the project in the following box. For example:

The 50-acre RC Ranch project is located on the south side of San Miguel Road in the County of San Diego (See Attachment 1). The project is approximately 1.0 mile east of the intersection of San Miguel Avenue and San Miguel Road and 1 mile south of the Sweetwater Reservoir. This project will consist of a planned residential community comprising of 45 single-family homes 72 and multi-unit dwellings.

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The Kenwood Apts. Development is a 0.41 acre site located in the County of San Diego, North of Kenwood Drive, west of Helix Street. The Kenwood Apts. project proposes a new 8 units condo building along with improvements such as public sheets.

### PRIORITY PROJECT DETERMINATION

Please check the box that best describes the project. Does the project meet one of the following criteria?

PRIORITY PROJECT	YES	NO
Redevelopment within the County Urban Area that creates or adds at least 5,000 net square feet of additional impervious surface area	X	
Residential development of more than 10 units		X
Commercial developments with a land area for development of greater than 100,000 square feet		X
Automotive repair shops		X
Restaurants, where the land area for development is greater than 5,000 square feet		X
Hillside development, in an area with known erosive soil conditions, where there will be grading on any natural slope that is twenty-five percent or greater, if the development creates 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface		X
Environmentally Sensitive Areas: All development and redevelopment located within or directly adjacent to or discharging directly to an environmentally sensitive area (where discharges from the development or redevelopment will enter receiving waters within the environmentally sensitive area), which either creates 2,500 square feet of impervious surface on a proposed project site or increases the area of imperviousness of a proposed project site to 10% or more of its naturally occurring condition.		X
Parking Lots 5,000 square feet or more or with 15 parking spaces or more and potentially exposed to urban runoff		X
Streets, roads, highways, and freeways which would create a new paved surface that is 5,000 square feet or greater		X

**Limited Exclusion:** Trenching and resurfacing work associated with utility projects are not considered priority projects. Parking lots, buildings and other structures associated with utility projects are subject to SUSMP requirements if one or more of the criteria above are met.

If you answered **NO** to all the questions, then **STOP**. Please complete a Minor SWMP for your project.



If you answered **YES** to any of the questions, please continue.

The following questions provide a guide to collecting information relevant to project stormwater quality issues. Please provide a description of the findings in text box below.

	QUESTIONS	COMPLETED	NA
1.	Describe the topography of the project area.		
2.	Describe the local land use within the project area and adjacent areas.	5% or less slope	
3.	Evaluate the presence of dry weather flow.		X
4.	Determine the receiving waters that may be affected by the project throughout the project life cycle (i.e., construction, maintenance and operation).		
5.	For the project limits, list the 303(d) impaired receiving water bodies and their constituents of concern.		X
6.	Determine if there are any High Risk Areas (municipal or domestic water supply reservoirs or groundwater percolation facilities) within the project limits.		X
7.	Determine the Regional Board special requirements, including TMDLs, effluent limits, etc.		X
8.	Determine the general climate of the project area. Identify annual rainfall and rainfall intensity curves.		X
9.	If considering Treatment BMPs, determine the soil classification, permeability, erodibility, and depth to groundwater.	Bio filter insert	
10.	Determine contaminated or hazardous soils within the project area.		X

Please provide a description of the findings in the following box. For example:

The project is located in the San Diego Hydrologic unit. The area is characterized by rolling grassy hills and shrubs. Runoff from the project drains into a MS4 that eventually drains to Los Coches Creek. Within the project limit there are no 303(d) impaired receiving water and no Regional Board special requirements.

The Kenwood project is located within The Sweetwater Hydrologic Unit, the middle Sweetwater hydrologic area and the Hillside Subarea number 9.22 The project waters drain directly into chollas creek, then eventually discharge to San Diego Bay at 32nd Street.

Complete the checklist below to determine if Treatment Best Management Practices (BMPs) are required for the project.

No.	CRITERIA	YES	NO	INFORMATION
1.	Is this an emergency project			If YES, go to 6. If NO, continue to 2.
2.	Have TMDLs been established			If YES, go to 5.

No.	CRITERIA	YES	NO	INFORMATION
	for surface waters within the project limit?		X	If NO, continue to 3.
3.	Will the project directly discharge to a 303(d) impaired receiving water body?		X	If YES, go to 5. If NO, continue to 4.
4.	Is this project within the urban and environmentally sensitive areas as defined on the maps in Appendix B of the <i>County of San Diego Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan for Land Development and Public Improvement Projects</i> ?		X	If YES, continue to 5. If NO, go to 6.
5.	Consider approved Treatment BMPs for the project.	X		If YES, go to 7.
6.	Project is not required to consider Treatment BMPs			Document for Project Files by referencing this checklist.
7.	End			

Now that the need for a treatment BMPs has been determined, other information is needed to complete the SWMP.

## WATERSHED

Please check the watershed(s) for the project.

- |                                       |  |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> San Juan     | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Margarita | <input type="checkbox"/> San Luis Rey | <input type="checkbox"/> Carlsbad         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> San Dieguito | <input type="checkbox"/> Penasquitos     | <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pueblo San Diego |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweetwater   | <input type="checkbox"/> Otay            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tijuana      |   |

Please provide the hydrologic sub-area and number(s)

Number	Name
9.22	Hillside HSA

Please provide the beneficial uses for Inland Surface Waters and Ground Waters. Beneficial Uses can be obtained from the Water Quality Control Plan For The San Diego Basin, which is available at the Regional Board office or at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/programs/basinplan.html>.



SURFACE WATERS	Hydrologic Unit Basin Number	MUN	AGR	IND	PROC	GWR	FRESH	POW	REC1	REC2	BIOL	WARM	COLD	WILD	RARE	SPWN
Inland Surface Waters	909.00	X							0	X		X		X		
Ground Waters																

X Existing Beneficial Use

0 Potential Beneficial Use

\* Excepted from Municipal

## POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN

Using Table 1, identify pollutants that are anticipated to be generated from the proposed priority project categories. Pollutants associated with any hazardous material sites that have been remediated or are not threatened by the proposed project are not considered a pollutant of concern.

**Table 1. Anticipated and Potential Pollutants Generated by Land Use Type**

Priority Project Categories	General Pollutant Categories								
	Sediments	Nutrients	Heavy Metals	Organic Compounds	Trash & Debris	Oxygen Demanding Substances	Oil & Grease	Bacteria & Viruses	Pesticides
Detached Residential Development	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Attached Residential Development	X	X			X	p <sup>(1)</sup>	p <sup>(2)</sup>	P	X
Commercial Development >100,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	p <sup>(1)</sup>	p <sup>(1)</sup>		p <sup>(2)</sup>	X	p <sup>(5)</sup>	X	p <sup>(3)</sup>	p <sup>(5)</sup>
Automotive Repair Shops			X	X <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	X		X		
Restaurants					X	X	X	X	
Hillside Development >5,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	X	X			X	X	X		X

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Parking Lots	p <sup>(1)</sup>	p <sup>(1)</sup>	X		X	p <sup>(1)</sup>	X		p <sup>(1)</sup>
Streets, Highways & Freeways	X	p <sup>(1)</sup>	X	X <sup>(4)</sup>	X	p <sup>(5)</sup>	X		
X = anticipated P = potential (1) A potential pollutant if landscaping exists on-site. (2) A potential pollutant if the project includes uncovered parking areas. (3) A potential pollutant if land use involves food or animal waste products. (4) Including petroleum hydrocarbons. (5) Including solvents.									

**Note:** If other monitoring data that is relevant to the project is available. Please include as Attachment C.

### CONSTRUCTION BMPs

Please check the construction BMPs that may be used. The BMPs selected are those that will be implemented during construction of the project. The applicant is responsible for the placement and maintenance of the BMPs selected.

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|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silt Fence   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Desilting Basin               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fiber Rolls  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gravel Bag Berm               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street Sweeping and Vacuuming  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandbag Barrier               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storm Drain Inlet Protection   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Material Delivery and Storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stockpile Management  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spill Prevention and Control  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management  | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Waste Management                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Conservation Practices             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dewatering Operations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Paving and Grinding Operations           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any minor slopes created incidental to construction and not subject to a major or minor grading permit shall be protected by covering with plastic or tarp prior to a rain event, and shall have vegetative cover reestablished within 180 days of completion of the slope and prior to final building approval. |   |

### SITE DESIGN

To minimize stormwater impacts, site design measures must be addressed. The following checklist provides options for avoiding or reducing potential impacts during project planning. If



YES is checked, it is assumed that the measure was used for this project. If NO is checked, please provide a brief explanation why the option was not selected in the text box below.

	OPTIONS	YES	NO	N/A
1.	Can the project be relocated or realigned to avoid/reduce impacts to receiving waters or to increase the preservation of critical (or problematic) areas such as floodplains, steep slopes, wetlands, and areas with erosive or unstable soil conditions?			X
2.	Can the project be designed to minimize impervious footprint?			X
3.	Conserve natural areas where feasible?			X
4.	Where landscape is proposed, can rooftops, impervious sidewalks, walkways, trails and patios be drained into adjacent landscaping?	X		
5.	For roadway projects, can structures and bridges be designed or located to reduce work in live streams and minimize construction impacts?			X
6.	Can any of the following methods be utilized to minimize erosion from slopes:			
	6.a. Disturbing existing slopes only when necessary?		X	
	6.b. Minimize cut and fill areas to reduce slope lengths?		X	
	6.c. Incorporating retaining walls to reduce steepness of slopes or to shorten slopes?		X	
	6.d. Providing benches or terraces on high cut and fill slopes to reduce concentration of flows?		X	
	6.e. Rounding and shaping slopes to reduce concentrated flow?		X	
	6.f. Collecting concentrated flows in stabilized drains and channels?	X		

Please provide a brief explanation for each option that was checked N/A or NO in the following box.

① Project is limited to existing site  
 ② Project is high density, which reduces the footprint  
 ③ Not feasible due to small size of lot  
 ④ Not a roadway project

If the project includes work in channels, then complete the following checklist. Information shall be obtained from the project drainage report.

No.	CRITERIA	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1.	Will the project increase velocity or volume of downstream flow?		X		If YES go to 5.
2.	Will the project discharge to unlined channels?		X		If YES go to 5.
3.	Will the project increase potential sediment load		X		If YES go to 5.

No.	CRITERIA	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
	of downstream flow?				
4.	Will the project encroach, cross, realign, or cause other hydraulic changes to a stream that may affect upstream and/or downstream channel stability?		X		If YES go to 7.
5.	Review channel lining materials and design for stream bank erosion.		X		Continue to 6.
6.	Consider channel erosion control measures within the project limits as well as downstream. Consider scour velocity.		X		Continue to 7.
7.	Include, where appropriate, energy dissipation devices at culverts.		X		Continue to 8.
8.	Ensure all transitions between culvert outlets/headwalls/wingwalls and channels are smooth to reduce turbulence and scour.		X		Continue to 9.
9.	Include, if appropriate, detention facilities to reduce peak discharges.		X		
10.	“Hardening” natural downstream areas to prevent erosion is not an acceptable technique for protecting channel slopes, unless pre-development conditions are determined to be so erosive that hardening would be required even in the absence of the proposed development.		X		Continue to 11.
11.	Provide other design principles that are comparable and equally effective.		X		Continue to 12.
12.	End				

## SOURCE CONTROL

Please complete the following checklist for Source Control BMPs. If the BMP is not applicable for this project, then check N/A only at the main category.

BMP			YES	NO	N/A
1.	<b>Provide Storm Drain System Stenciling and Signage</b>				
	1.a.	All storm drain inlets and catch basins within the project area shall have a stencil or tile placed with prohibitive language (such as: “NO DUMPING – DRAINS TO _____”) and/or graphical icons to discourage illegal dumping.	X		
	1.b.	Signs and prohibitive language and/or graphical icons, which prohibit illegal dumping, must be posted at public access points along channels and creeks within the project area.	X		
2.	<b>Design Outdoors Material Storage Areas to Reduce Pollution Introduction</b>				
	2.a.	This is a detached single-family residential project. Therefore, personal storage areas are exempt from this requirement.		X	



BMP			YES	NO	N/A
	2.b.	Hazardous materials with the potential to contaminate urban runoff shall either be: (1) placed in an enclosure such as, but not limited to, a cabinet, shed, or similar structure that prevents contact with runoff or spillage to the storm water conveyance system; or (2) protected by secondary containment structures such as berms, dikes, or curbs.		X	
	2.c.	The storage area shall be paved and sufficiently impervious to contain leaks and spills.		X	
	2.d.	The storage area shall have a roof or awning to minimize direct precipitation within the secondary containment area.		X	
3.	<b>Design Trash Storage Areas to Reduce Pollution Introduction</b>				
	3.a.	Paved with an impervious surface, designed not to allow run-on from adjoining areas, screened or walled to prevent off-site transport of trash; or,	X		
	3.b.	Provide attached lids on all trash containers that exclude rain, or roof or awning to minimize direct precipitation.	X		
4.	<b>Use Efficient Irrigation Systems &amp; Landscape Design</b>				
	The following methods to reduce excessive irrigation runoff shall be considered, and incorporated and implemented where determined applicable and feasible.				
	4.a.	Employing rain shutoff devices to prevent irrigation after precipitation.	X		
	4.b.	Designing irrigation systems to each landscape area's specific water requirements.	X		
	4.c.	Using flow reducers or shutoff valves triggered by a pressure drop to control water loss in the event of broken sprinkler heads or lines.	X		
	4.d.	Employing other comparable, equally effective, methods to reduce irrigation water runoff.	X		
5.	<b>Private Roads</b>				
	The design of private roadway drainage shall use at least one of the following				
	5.a.	Rural swale system: street sheet flows to vegetated swale or gravel shoulder, curbs at street corners, culverts under driveways and street crossings.	X		
	5.b.	Urban curb/swale system: street slopes to curb, periodic swale inlets drain to vegetated swale/biofilter.	X		
	5.c.	Dual drainage system: First flush captured in street catch basins and discharged to adjacent vegetated swale or gravel shoulder, high flows connect directly to storm water conveyance system.	X		
	5.d.	Other methods that are comparable and equally effective within the project.			
6.	<b>Residential Driveways &amp; Guest Parking</b>				
	The design of driveways and private residential parking areas shall use one at least of the following features.				
	6.a.	Design driveways with shared access, flared (single lane at street) or wheelstrips (paving only under tires); or, drain into landscaping prior to discharging to the storm water conveyance system.	X		
	6.b.	Uncovered temporary or guest parking on private residential lots may be: paved with a permeable surface; or, designed to drain into landscaping prior to discharging to the storm water conveyance system.	X		
	6.c.	Other features which are comparable and equally effective.	X		
7.	<b>Dock Areas</b>				



<b>BMP</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	Loading/unloading dock areas shall include the following.			
7.a.	Cover loading dock areas, or design drainage to preclude urban run-on and runoff.	X		
7.b.	Direct connections to storm drains from depressed loading docks (truck wells) are prohibited.	X		
7.c.	Other features which are comparable and equally effective.	X		
<b>8.</b>	<b>Maintenance Bays</b>			
	Maintenance bays shall include the following.			
8.a.	Repair/maintenance bays shall be indoors; or, designed to preclude urban run-on and runoff.			X
8.b.	Design a repair/maintenance bay drainage system to capture all wash water, leaks and spills. Connect drains to a sump for collection and disposal. Direct connection of the repair/maintenance bays to the storm drain system is prohibited. If required by local jurisdiction, obtain an Industrial Waste Discharge Permit.			X
8.c.	Other features which are comparable and equally effective.			X
<b>9.</b>	<b>Vehicle Wash Areas</b>			X
	Priority projects that include areas for washing/steam cleaning of vehicles shall use the following.			X
9.a.	Self-contained; or covered with a roof or overhang.			X
9.b.	Equipped with a clarifier or other pretreatment facility.			X
9.c.	Properly connected to a sanitary sewer.			X
9.d.	Other features which are comparable and equally effective.			X
<b>10.</b>	<b>Outdoor Processing Areas</b>			
	Outdoor process equipment operations, such as rock grinding or crushing, painting or coating, grinding or sanding, degreasing or parts cleaning, waste piles, and wastewater and solid waste treatment and disposal, and other operations determined to be a potential threat to water quality by the County shall adhere to the following requirements.			X
10.a.	Cover or enclose areas that would be the most significant source of pollutants; or, slope the area toward a dead-end sump; or, discharge to the sanitary sewer system following appropriate treatment in accordance with conditions established by the applicable sewer agency.			X
10.b.	Grade or berm area to prevent run-on from surrounding areas.			X
10.c.	Installation of storm drains in areas of equipment repair is prohibited.			X
10.d.	Other features which are comparable or equally effective.			X
<b>11.</b>	<b>Equipment Wash Areas</b>			
	Outdoor equipment/accessory washing and steam cleaning activities shall be.			X
11.a.	Be self-contained; or covered with a roof or overhang.			X
11.b.	Be equipped with a clarifier, grease trap or other pretreatment facility, as appropriate			X
11.c.	Be properly connected to a sanitary sewer.			X
11.d.	Other features which are comparable or equally effective.			X
<b>12.</b>	<b>Parking Areas</b>			
	The following design concepts shall be considered, and incorporated and implemented where determined applicable and feasible by the County.			
12.a.	Where landscaping is proposed in parking areas, incorporate landscape areas into the drainage design.	X		



BMP			YES	NO	N/A
	12.b.	Overflow parking (parking stalls provided in excess of the County's minimum parking requirements) may be constructed with permeable paving.	X		
	12.c.	Other design concepts that are comparable and equally effective.			
13.	<b>Fueling Area</b>				
	Non-retail fuel dispensing areas shall contain the following.				
	13.a.	Overhanging roof structure or canopy. The cover's minimum dimensions must be equal to or greater than the area within the grade break. The cover must not drain onto the fuel dispensing area and the downspouts must be routed to prevent drainage across the fueling area. The fueling area shall drain to the project's treatment control BMP(s) prior to discharging to the storm water conveyance system.			X
	13.b.	Paved with Portland cement concrete (or equivalent smooth impervious surface). The use of asphalt concrete shall be prohibited.			X
	13.c.	Have an appropriate slope to prevent ponding, and must be separated from the rest of the site by a grade break that prevents run-on of urban runoff.			X
	13.d.	At a minimum, the concrete fuel dispensing area must extend 6.5 feet (2.0 meters) from the corner of each fuel dispenser, or the length at which the hose and nozzle assembly may be operated plus 1 foot (0.3 meter), whichever is less.			X

Please list other project specific Source Control BMPs in the following box. Write N/A if there are none and briefly explain.

N/A, No other source controls employed.

## TREATMENT CONTROL

To select a structural treatment BMP using Treatment Control BMP Selection Matrix (Table 2), each priority project shall compare the list of pollutants for which the downstream receiving waters are impaired (if any), with the pollutants anticipated to be generated by the project (as identified in Table 1). Any pollutants identified by Table 1, which are also causing a Clean Water Act section 303(d) impairment of the receiving waters of the project, shall be considered primary pollutants of concern. Priority projects that are anticipated to generate a primary pollutant of concern shall select a single or combination of stormwater BMPs from Table 2, which **maximizes pollutant removal** for the particular primary pollutant(s) of concern.

Priority projects that are **not** anticipated to generate a pollutant for which the receiving water is Clean Water Act Section 303(d) impaired shall select a single or combination of stormwater BMPs from Table 2, which are effective for pollutant removal of the identified secondary pollutants of concern, consistent with the "maximum extent practicable" standard.

**Table 2. Treatment Control BMP Selection Matrix**

Pollutant of Concern	Treatment Control BMP Categories						
	Biofilters	Detention Basins	Infiltration Basins <sup>(2)</sup>	Wet Ponds or Wetlands	Drainage Inserts	Filtration	Hydrodynamic Separator Systems <sup>(3)</sup>
Sediment	M	H	H	H	L	H	M
Nutrients	L	M	M	M	L	M	L
Heavy Metals	M	M	M	H	L	H	L
Organic Compounds	U	U	U	M	L	M	L
Trash & Debris	L	H	U	H	M	H	M
Oxygen Demanding Substances	L	M	M	M	L	M	L
Bacteria	U	U	H	H	L	M	L
Oil & Grease	M	M	U	U	L	H	L
Pesticides	U	U	U	L	L	U	L

(1) Copermitees are encouraged to periodically assess the performance characteristics of many of these BMPs to update this table.

(2) Including trenches and porous pavement.

(3) Also known as hydrodynamic devices and baffle boxes.

L: Low removal efficiency:  
M: Medium removal efficiency:  
H: High removal efficiency:  
U: Unknown removal efficiency

Sources: *Guidance Specifying Management Measures for Sources of Nonpoint Pollution in Coastal Waters* (1993), *National Stormwater Best Management Practices Database* (2001), *Guide for BMP Selection in Urban Developed Areas* (2001), and *Caltrans New Technology Report* (2001).

A Treatment BMP must address runoff from developed areas. Please provide the post-construction water quality values for the project. Label outfalls on the BMP map.  $Q_{WQ}$  is dependent on the type of treatment BMP selected for the project.

Outfall	Tributary Area (acres)	$Q_{100}$ (cfs)	$Q_{WQ}$ (cfs)
CP #1	1.5 <sup>0</sup> AC	4.22	0.22
CP #2	0.05	0.10	0.01
CP #3	0.08	0.26	0.01
Basin 5 Sneet flow	0.03	0.10	0.01

$Q_{WQ}$  includes  
→ run on from undeveloped portion (1.7 AC)

Please check the box(s) that best describes the Treatment BMP(s) selected for this project.

#### Biofilters

- ☒ Grass swale
- ☒ Grass strip
- ☐ Wetland vegetation swale
- ☐ Bioretention

#### Detention Basins

- ☐ Extended/dry detention basin with grass lining
- ☐ Extended/dry detention basin with impervious lining



**Infiltration Basins**

- ☐ Infiltration basin
- ☐ Infiltration trench
- ☐ Porous asphalt
- ☐ Porous concrete
- ☐ Porous modular concrete block

**Wet Ponds or Wetlands**

- ☐ Wet pond/basin (permanent pool)
- ☐ Constructed wetland

**Drainage Inserts** (See note below)

- ☐ Oil/Water separator
- ☒ Catch basin insert
- ☐ Storm drain inserts
- ☐ Catch basin screens

**Filtration**

- ☒ Media filtration
- ☐ Sand filtration

**Hydrodynamic Separator Systems**

- ☐ Swirl Concentrator
- ☐ Cyclone Separator
- ☐ Baffle Separator
- ☐ Gross Solids Removal Device
- ☐ Linear Radial Device

**Note:** Catch basin inserts and storm drain inserts are excluded from use on County maintained right-of-way and easements.

Include Treatment Datasheet as Attachment E. The datasheet should include the following:	COMPLETED	NO
1. Description of how treatment BMP was designed. Provide a description for each type of treatment BMP.	X	
2. Engineering calculations for the BMP(s)	X	

Please describe why the selected treatment BMP(s) was selected for this project. For projects utilizing a low performing BMP, please provide a detailed explanation and justification.

Treatment BMP's were selected based on effectiveness and simplicity of operation & maintenance

**MAINTENANCE**

Please check the box that best describes the maintenance mechanism(s) for this project.

CATEGORY	SELECTED	
	YES	NO
First	X	
Second		
Third		
Fourth		

Please briefly describe the long-term fiscal resources for the selected maintenance mechanism(s).

This being a apartments project, the association fees will be used to provide long term maintenance. The combination of proposed construction and post-construction BMP's will reduce the maximum extent practicable the expected pollutants and will not adversely impact the beneficial uses or water quality of the receiving waters.

## ATTACHMENTS

Please include the following attachments.

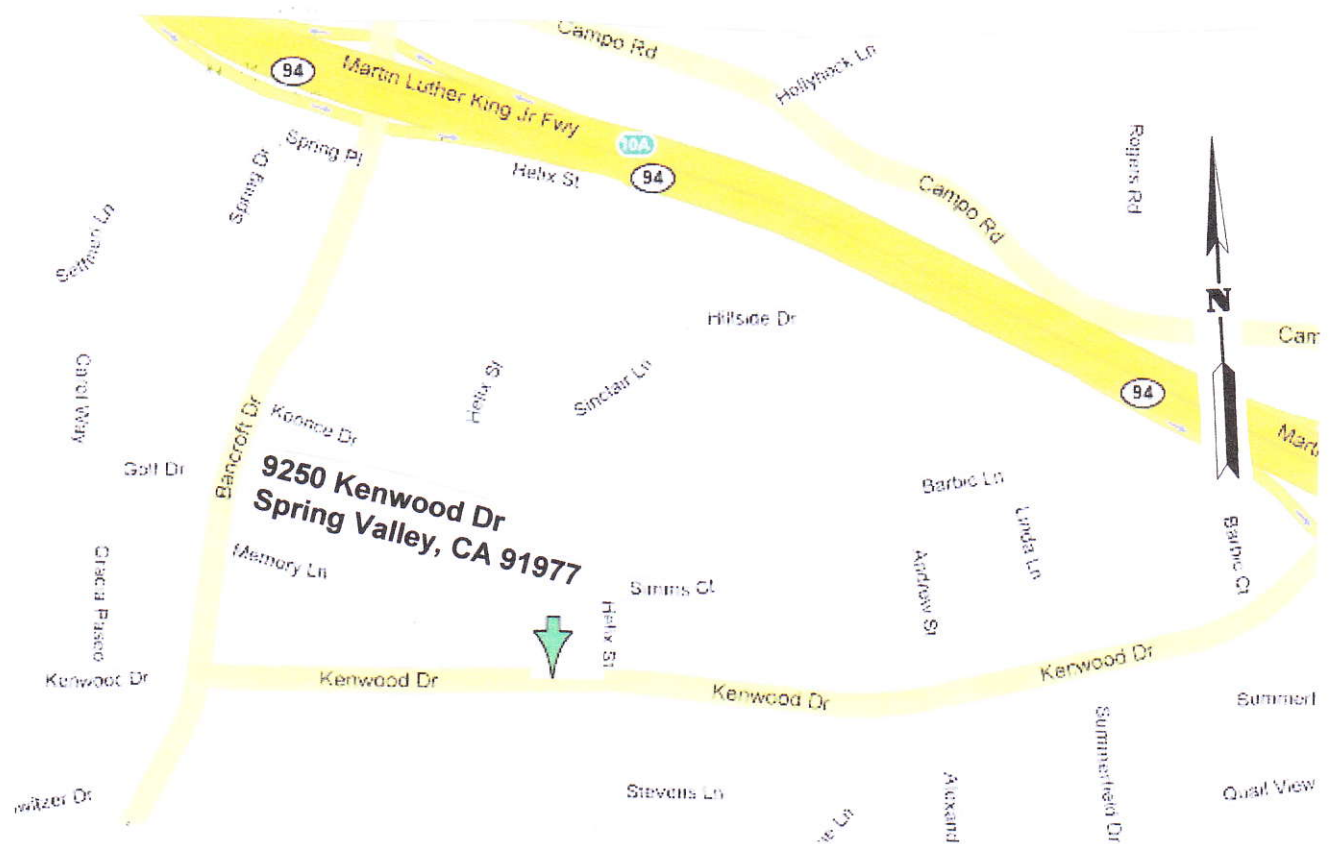
	ATTACHMENT	COMPLETED	N/A
A	Project Location Map	X	
B	Site Map	X	
C	Relevant Monitoring Data		X
D	Treatment BMP Location Map	X	
E	Treatment BMP Datasheets	X	
F	Operation and Maintenance Program for Treatment BMPs	X	
G	Engineer's Certification Sheet	X	

**Note:** Attachments A and B may be combined.



# ATTACHMENT A

## LOCATION MAP



**ATTACHMENT B**

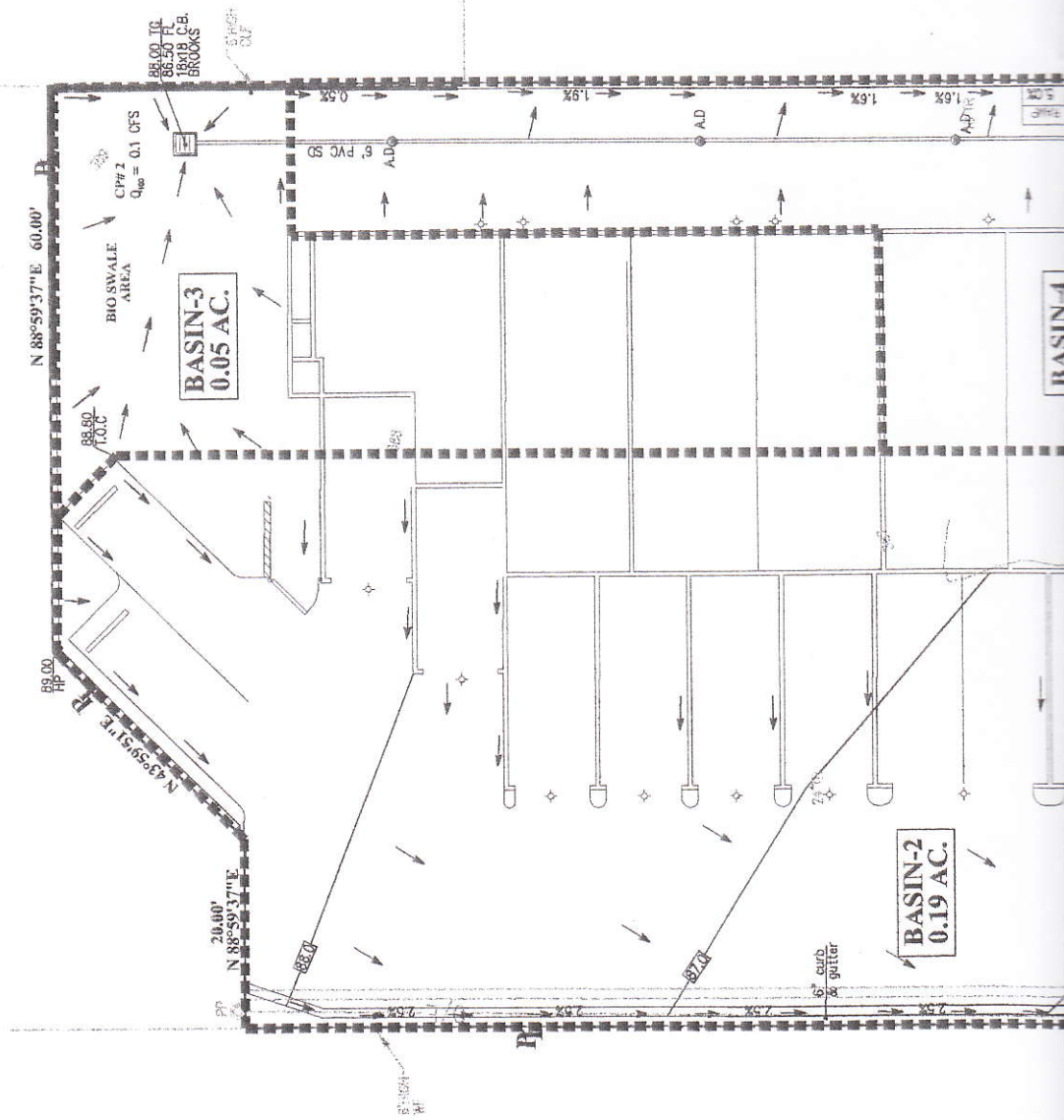
**PROJECT SITE MAP**  
**(SEE ATTACHMENT D)**



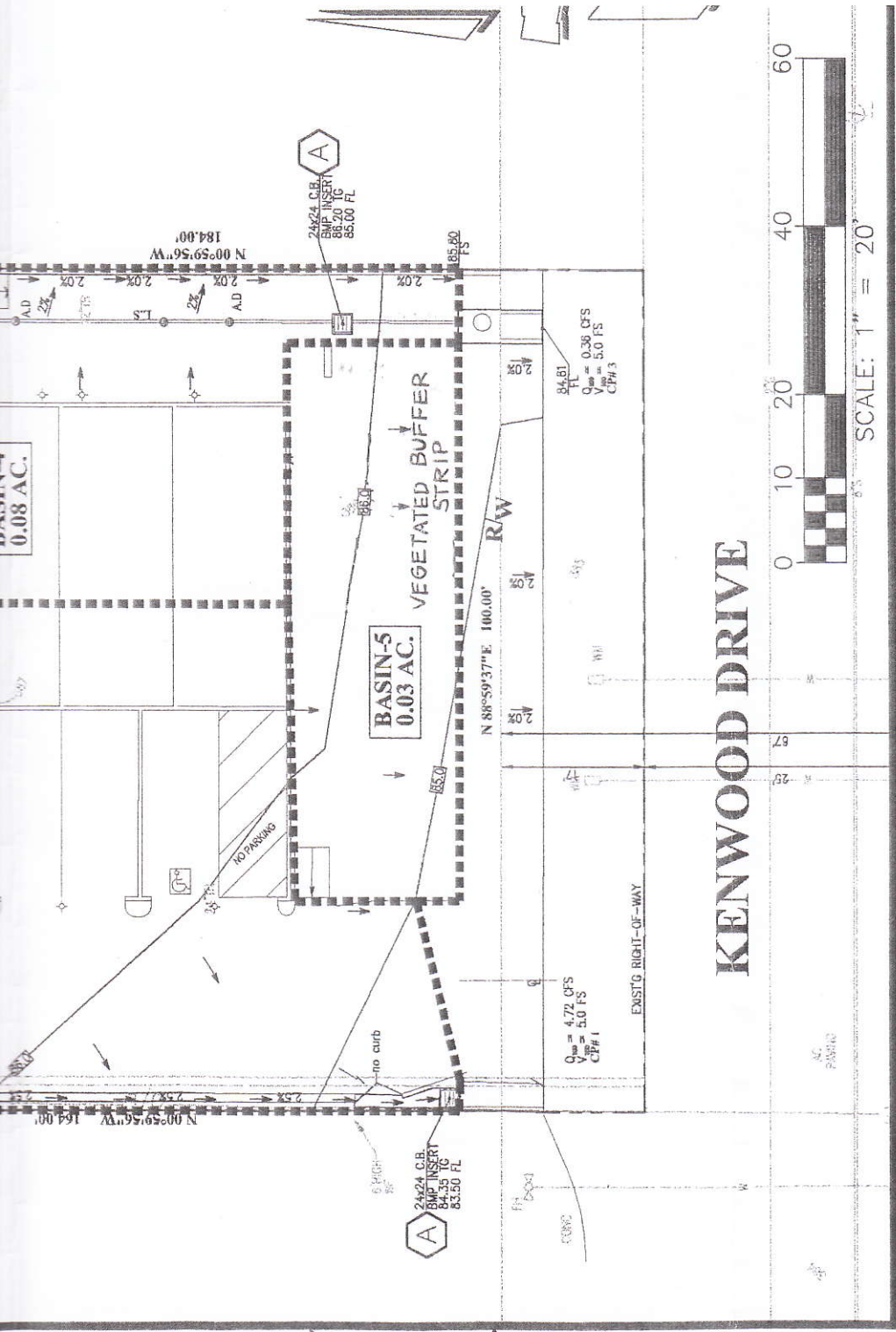
## **ATTACHMENT D**

### **TREATMENT BMP LOCATION MAP**

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## NOTES/WORKS TO BE DONE

- A** CONSTRUCT 24"x24" CATCH BASIN BROOKS PRODUCT OR EQUAL  
W/ BMP FOSSIL FILTER INSERT (TYP)

# ATTACHMENT E

## TREATMENT BMP DATASHEET

*(NOTE: POSSIBLE SOURCE FOR DATASHEETS CAN BE FOUND AT*

*[WWW.CABMPHANDBOOKS.COM](http://WWW.CABMPHANDBOOKS.COM). INCLUDE ENGINEERING CALCULATIONS FOR SIZING THE*

*TREATMENT BMP.)*



## Water Quality Calculations.

Catch Basin CP #1, Basin 1 & 2 contribute

$$I_{wa} = 0.2 \text{ in/hr} \quad [0.1(6)(0.1) \text{ of } \text{Flow based design RWQCB R9-2007-01}]$$

Basin #1:  $A = 1.7 \text{ AC}$ ,  $C = 0.55$  (See Drainage Study by Allied Earth Technology Inc.)

$$Q = CIA = (0.55)(0.2)(1.7) = 0.19 \text{ CFS}$$

Basin #2:  $A = 0.19 \text{ AC}$ ,  $C = 0.90$ ,  $I_{wa} = 0.2 \text{ in/hr}$

$$Q = CIA = (0.90)(0.2)(0.19) = 0.03 \text{ CFS}$$

Note: Contribution from Basin 1 does not need treatment but mixes with Basin 2, so treatment is for combined flow. Drainage insert filter to be used

Catch Basin CP #2, Basin #3 contributes

$$I_{wa} = 0.2 \text{ in/hr}, C = 0.55, A = 0.05 \text{ AC}$$

$$Q = CIA = (0.55)(0.2)(0.05) = 0.01 \text{ CFS, Negligible}$$

will be treated through bioswale.

Catch Basin CP #3, Basin #4 contributes

$$I_{wa} = 0.2 \text{ in/hr}, C = 0.90, A = 0.08 \text{ AC}$$

$$Q = CIA = (0.90)(0.2)(0.08) = 0.01 \text{ CFS, Negligible}$$

Treatment using drainage insert filter

Basin 5 is in Grass Strip, No further treatment necessary.

FHWA Urban Drainage Design Program, HY-22  
HYDRAULIC PARAMETERS OF OPEN CHANNELS

Trapezoidal, Rectangular, or Triangular X-Section  
Date: 02/04/2008

Project No. :Allied Earth Technology  
Project Name.:Kenwood Project  
Computed by :Rene Figueroa, P.E.

Project Description  
Vegetative Swale for Basin 3, 0.05 Acres

INPUT PARAMETERS

1. Channel Slope (ft/ft)	0.0900
2. Channel Bottom Width (ft)	1.00
3. Left Side Slope (Horizontal to 1)	0.02
4. Right Side Slope (Horizontal to 1)	0.02
5. Manning's Coefficient	0.250
6. Discharge (cfs)	0.01
7. Depth of Flow (ft)	0.05

OUTPUT RESULTS

Cross Section Area (Sqft)	0.05
Average Velocity (ft/sec)	0.23
Top Width (ft)	1.00
Hydraulic Radius (ft)	0.05
Froude Number	0.18

*Note: Depth of flow is only 0.05 ft, most  
water from WQ storm should infiltrate soil  
before reaching catch Basin.*



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RESEARCH REPORT: RR 5591  
EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/07  
EXPIRATION DATE: 01/01/08  
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**GENERAL APPROVAL** - "FloGard" Series Catch Basin Insert Filters manufactured by Kristar Enterprises, Inc. See attachment for list of approved model number.

**DETAILS**

Flo Gard Plus is a catch basin insert designed to treat rainwater runoff. These filters include a stainless steel frame, and geotextile fabric liner encapsulating an adsorbent which may be replaced. They are designed to collect particulate, debris, metals and petroleum hydrocarbons from stormwater runoff with a built-in flow bypass.

The approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. This product may be installed in a storm water treatment system outside of a building (commercial or a residential) structure.
2. The storm water treatment system shall be sized in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, Table -1 shown of Page 3, Table-2 of Page 4 and Chapter 11 and Appendix D, of Los Angeles Plumbing Code (LAPC), 2002 Edition.
3. Storm water drainage piping plans shall be submitted to Mechanical Plan Check and permit shall be obtained prior to installation of this product.
4. This product shall be maintained periodically per manufacturer's printed instructions.
5. The storm water systems shall be accessible for inspection and maintenance purposes.
6. A permit from Watershed Protection Division (Phone #: 213-482-7066), Department of Public Works, shall be required for each installation.
7. Each storm water quality device shall be permanently identified with the name "Kristar Enterprises," and appropriate model number.

RR-5591

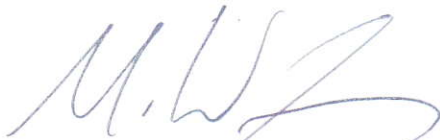
## DISCUSSION

File and reports were examined by the Mechanical Testing Laboratory. The materials are equivalent to that prescribed by the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in quality, strength, effectiveness, durability and safety.

For this General Approval to be valid on any individual construction project in the City of Los Angeles, an engineer or inspector of the Department of Building and Safety must make a determination that all conditions of the General Approval required to provide equivalency have been met in the case of each construction project under consideration.

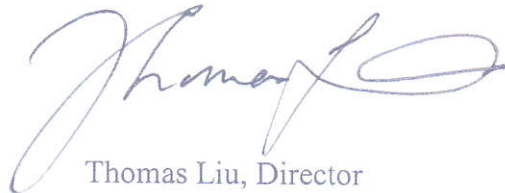
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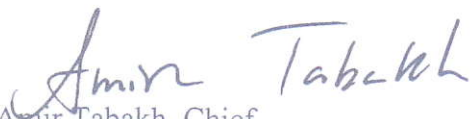
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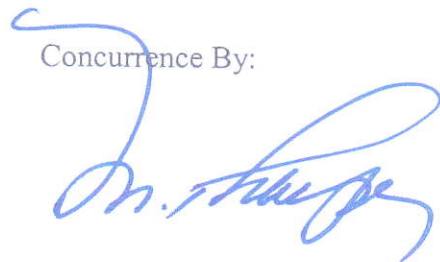
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Kristar Enterprises, Inc.  
Research Report RR 5591: FloGard Plus Catch Basin Insert Capacity Tables

**A. Table-1: FloGard+Plus®**

Model Number	Filtered Flow Capacity (cubic feet per second)	Bypass Flow Capacity (cubic feet per second)
FGP-12F	0.14	0.8
FGP-1530F	0.33	1.7
FGP-16F	0.23	1.2
FGP-18F	0.23	1.2
FGP1820F	0.24	1.2
FGP-1824F	0.24	1.2
FGP-1836F	0.33	1.2
FGP-1836FGO	0.33	1.7
FGP-1836W	0.33	1.7
FGP-1836WE	0.33	1.7
FGP-2024F	0.29	1.5
FGP-21F	0.31	1.5
FGP-2142F	0.46	2.1
FGP-2148F	0.52	2.3
FGP-24F	0.31	1.5
FGP-24DF	0.31	1.5
FGP-24W	0.31	1.5
FGP-2430F	0.36	1.7
FGP-2436F	0.41	1.9
FGP-2436FGO	0.41	1.9
FGP-2436W	0.41	1.9
FGP-2436WE	0.41	1.9
FGP-2448F	0.52	2.3
FGP-28F	0.37	1.7

FGP-28W	0.37	1.7
FGP-2840F	0.46	2.1
FGP-30F	0.38	1.5
FGP-36F	0.66	3.3
FGP-36W	0.66	3.3
FGP-36WE	0.66	3.3
FGP-3648F	0.82	3.8
FGP-3648W	0.82	3.8
FGP-3648WE	0.82	3.8
FGP-48F	1.04	4.7

B. Table-2: FloGard®

Model Number	Filtered Flow Capacity (cubic feet per second)	Bypass Flow Capacity (cubic feet per second)
FF-12D	0.11	0.3
FF-V64D	0.11	0.3
FF-16D	0.16	0.7
FF-1624D	0.23	1.1
FF-18D	0.19	0.9
FF-1824D	0.23	1.1
FF-1836SD	0.35	1.8
FF-1836DGO	0.35	1.8
FF-1848DGO	0.43	2.4
FF-21D	0.25	1.2
FF-24D	0.30	1.5
FF-24DGO	0.30	1.5
FF-2430D	0.34	1.8
FF-30D	0.39	2.1
FF-36D	0.48	2.7
FF-FB24	0.05	0.4





## Description

Vegetated swales are open, shallow channels with vegetation covering the side slopes and bottom that collect and slowly convey runoff flow to downstream discharge points. They are designed to treat runoff through filtering by the vegetation in the channel, filtering through a subsoil matrix, and/or infiltration into the underlying soils. Swales can be natural or manmade. They trap particulate pollutants (suspended solids and trace metals), promote infiltration, and reduce the flow velocity of stormwater runoff. Vegetated swales can serve as part of a stormwater drainage system and can replace curbs, gutters and storm sewer systems.

## California Experience

Caltrans constructed and monitored six vegetated swales in southern California. These swales were generally effective in reducing the volume and mass of pollutants in runoff. Even in the areas where the annual rainfall was only about 10 inches/yr, the vegetation did not require additional irrigation. One factor that strongly affected performance was the presence of large numbers of gophers at most of the sites. The gophers created earthen mounds, destroyed vegetation, and generally reduced the effectiveness of the controls for TSS reduction.

## Advantages

- If properly designed, vegetated, and operated, swales can serve as an aesthetic, potentially inexpensive urban development or roadway drainage conveyance measure with significant collateral water quality benefits.

## Design Considerations

- Tributary Area
- Area Required
- Slope
- Water Availability

## Targeted Constituents

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sediment	▲
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nutrients	●
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trash	●
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metals	▲
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bacteria	●
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oil and Grease	▲
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organics	▲

## Legend (Removal Effectiveness)

- Low
- High
- ▲ Medium



- Roadside ditches should be regarded as significant potential swale/buffer strip sites and should be utilized for this purpose whenever possible.

**Limitations**

- Can be difficult to avoid channelization.
- May not be appropriate for industrial sites or locations where spills may occur
- Grassed swales cannot treat a very large drainage area. Large areas may be divided and treated using multiple swales.
- A thick vegetative cover is needed for these practices to function properly.
- They are impractical in areas with steep topography.
- They are not effective and may even erode when flow velocities are high, if the grass cover is not properly maintained.
- In some places, their use is restricted by law: many local municipalities require curb and gutter systems in residential areas.
- Swales are more susceptible to failure if not properly maintained than other treatment BMPs.

**Design and Sizing Guidelines**

- Flow rate based design determined by local requirements or sized so that 85% of the annual runoff volume is discharged at less than the design rainfall intensity.
- Swale should be designed so that the water level does not exceed 2/3rds the height of the grass or 4 inches, whichever is less, at the design treatment rate.
- Longitudinal slopes should not exceed 2.5%
- Trapezoidal channels are normally recommended but other configurations, such as parabolic, can also provide substantial water quality improvement and may be easier to mow than designs with sharp breaks in slope.
- Swales constructed in cut are preferred, or in fill areas that are far enough from an adjacent slope to minimize the potential for gopher damage. Do not use side slopes constructed of fill, which are prone to structural damage by gophers and other burrowing animals.
- A diverse selection of low growing, plants that thrive under the specific site, climatic, and watering conditions should be specified. Vegetation whose growing season corresponds to the wet season are preferred. Drought tolerant vegetation should be considered especially for swales that are not part of a regularly irrigated landscaped area.
- The width of the swale should be determined using Manning's Equation using a value of 0.25 for Manning's n.



## **Construction/Inspection Considerations**

- Include directions in the specifications for use of appropriate fertilizer and soil amendments based on soil properties determined through testing and compared to the needs of the vegetation requirements.
- Install swales at the time of the year when there is a reasonable chance of successful establishment without irrigation; however, it is recognized that rainfall in a given year may not be sufficient and temporary irrigation may be used.
- If sod tiles must be used, they should be placed so that there are no gaps between the tiles; stagger the ends of the tiles to prevent the formation of channels along the swale or strip.
- Use a roller on the sod to ensure that no air pockets form between the sod and the soil.
- Where seeds are used, erosion controls will be necessary to protect seeds for at least 75 days after the first rainfall of the season.

## **Performance**

The literature suggests that vegetated swales represent a practical and potentially effective technique for controlling urban runoff quality. While limited quantitative performance data exists for vegetated swales, it is known that check dams, slight slopes, permeable soils, dense grass cover, increased contact time, and small storm events all contribute to successful pollutant removal by the swale system. Factors decreasing the effectiveness of swales include compacted soils, short runoff contact time, large storm events, frozen ground, short grass heights, steep slopes, and high runoff velocities and discharge rates.

Conventional vegetated swale designs have achieved mixed results in removing particulate pollutants. A study performed by the Nationwide Urban Runoff Program (NURP) monitored three grass swales in the Washington, D.C., area and found no significant improvement in urban runoff quality for the pollutants analyzed. However, the weak performance of these swales was attributed to the high flow velocities in the swales, soil compaction, steep slopes, and short grass height.

Another project in Durham, NC, monitored the performance of a carefully designed artificial swale that received runoff from a commercial parking lot. The project tracked 11 storms and concluded that particulate concentrations of heavy metals (Cu, Pb, Zn, and Cd) were reduced by approximately 50 percent. However, the swale proved largely ineffective for removing soluble nutrients.

The effectiveness of vegetated swales can be enhanced by adding check dams at approximately 17 meter (50 foot) increments along their length (See Figure 1). These dams maximize the retention time within the swale, decrease flow velocities, and promote particulate settling. Finally, the incorporation of vegetated filter strips parallel to the top of the channel banks can help to treat sheet flows entering the swale.

Only 9 studies have been conducted on all grassed channels designed for water quality (Table 1). The data suggest relatively high removal rates for some pollutants, but negative removals for some bacteria, and fair performance for phosphorus.



**Table 1 Grassed swale pollutant removal efficiency data**

Study	Removal Efficiencies (% Removal)						Type
	TSS	TP	TN	NO <sub>3</sub>	Metals	Bacteria	
Caltrans 2002	77	8	67	66	83-90	-33	dry swales
Goldberg 1993	67.8	4.5	-	31.4	42-62	-100	grassed channel
Seattle Metro and Washington Department of Ecology 1992	60	45	-	-25	2-16	-25	grassed channel
Seattle Metro and Washington Department of Ecology, 1992	83	29	-	-25	46-73	-25	grassed channel
Wang et al., 1981	80	-	-	-	70-80	-	dry swale
Dorman et al., 1989	98	18	-	45	37-81	-	dry swale
Harper, 1988	87	83	84	80	88-90	-	dry swale
Kercher et al., 1983	99	99	99	99	99	-	dry swale
Harper, 1988.	81	17	40	52	37-69	-	wet swale
Koon, 1995	67	39	-	9	-35 to 6	-	wet swale

While it is difficult to distinguish between different designs based on the small amount of available data, grassed channels generally have poorer removal rates than wet and dry swales, although some swales appear to export soluble phosphorus (Harper, 1988; Koon, 1995). It is not clear why swales export bacteria. One explanation is that bacteria thrive in the warm swale soils.

## Siting Criteria

The suitability of a swale at a site will depend on land use, size of the area serviced, soil type, slope, imperviousness of the contributing watershed, and dimensions and slope of the swale system (Schueler et al., 1992). In general, swales can be used to serve areas of less than 10 acres, with slopes no greater than 5 %. Use of natural topographic lows is encouraged and natural drainage courses should be regarded as significant local resources to be kept in use (Young et al., 1996).

## Selection Criteria (NCTCOG, 1993)

- Comparable performance to wet basins
- Limited to treating a few acres
- Availability of water during dry periods to maintain vegetation
- Sufficient available land area

Research in the Austin area indicates that vegetated controls are effective at removing pollutants even when dormant. Therefore, irrigation is not required to maintain growth during dry periods, but may be necessary only to prevent the vegetation from dying.

The topography of the site should permit the design of a channel with appropriate slope and cross-sectional area. Site topography may also dictate a need for additional structural controls. Recommendations for longitudinal slopes range between 2 and 6 percent. Flatter slopes can be used, if sufficient to provide adequate conveyance. Steep slopes increase flow velocity, decrease detention time, and may require energy dissipating and grade check. Steep slopes also can be managed using a series of check dams to terrace the swale and reduce the slope to within acceptable limits. The use of check dams with swales also promotes infiltration.

## **Additional Design Guidelines**

Most of the design guidelines adopted for swale design specify a minimum hydraulic residence time of 9 minutes. This criterion is based on the results of a single study conducted in Seattle, Washington (Seattle Metro and Washington Department of Ecology, 1992), and is not well supported. Analysis of the data collected in that study indicates that pollutant removal at a residence time of 5 minutes was not significantly different, although there is more variability in that data. Therefore, additional research in the design criteria for swales is needed. Substantial pollutant removal has also been observed for vegetated controls designed solely for conveyance (Barrett et al, 1998); consequently, some flexibility in the design is warranted.

Many design guidelines recommend that grass be frequently mowed to maintain dense coverage near the ground surface. Recent research (Colwell et al., 2000) has shown mowing frequency or grass height has little or no effect on pollutant removal.

## **Summary of Design Recommendations**

- 1) The swale should have a length that provides a minimum hydraulic residence time of at least 10 minutes. The maximum bottom width should not exceed 10 feet unless a dividing berm is provided. The depth of flow should not exceed 2/3rds the height of the grass at the peak of the water quality design storm intensity. The channel slope should not exceed 2.5%.
- 2) A design grass height of 6 inches is recommended.
- 3) Regardless of the recommended detention time, the swale should be not less than 100 feet in length.
- 4) The width of the swale should be determined using Manning's Equation, at the peak of the design storm, using a Manning's  $n$  of 0.25.
- 5) The swale can be sized as both a treatment facility for the design storm and as a conveyance system to pass the peak hydraulic flows of the 100-year storm if it is located "on-line." The side slopes should be no steeper than 3:1 (H:V).
- 6) Roadside ditches should be regarded as significant potential swale/buffer strip sites and should be utilized for this purpose whenever possible. If flow is to be introduced through curb cuts, place pavement slightly above the elevation of the vegetated areas. Curb cuts should be at least 12 inches wide to prevent clogging.
- 7) Swales must be vegetated in order to provide adequate treatment of runoff. It is important to maximize water contact with vegetation and the soil surface. For general purposes, select fine, close-growing, water-resistant grasses. If possible, divert runoff (other than necessary irrigation) during the period of vegetation



establishment. Where runoff diversion is not possible, cover graded and seeded areas with suitable erosion control materials.

### Maintenance

The useful life of a vegetated swale system is directly proportional to its maintenance frequency. If properly designed and regularly maintained, vegetated swales can last indefinitely. The maintenance objectives for vegetated swale systems include keeping up the hydraulic and removal efficiency of the channel and maintaining a dense, healthy grass cover.

Maintenance activities should include periodic mowing (with grass never cut shorter than the design flow depth), weed control, watering during drought conditions, reseeding of bare areas, and clearing of debris and blockages. Cuttings should be removed from the channel and disposed in a local composting facility. Accumulated sediment should also be removed manually to avoid concentrated flows in the swale. The application of fertilizers and pesticides should be minimal.

Another aspect of a good maintenance plan is repairing damaged areas within a channel. For example, if the channel develops ruts or holes, it should be repaired utilizing a suitable soil that is properly tamped and seeded. The grass cover should be thick; if it is not, reseed as necessary. Any standing water removed during the maintenance operation must be disposed to a sanitary sewer at an approved discharge location. Residuals (e.g., silt, grass cuttings) must be disposed in accordance with local or State requirements. Maintenance of grassed swales mostly involves maintenance of the grass or wetland plant cover. Typical maintenance activities are summarized below:

- Inspect swales at least twice annually for erosion, damage to vegetation, and sediment and debris accumulation preferably at the end of the wet season to schedule summer maintenance and before major fall runoff to be sure the swale is ready for winter. However, additional inspection after periods of heavy runoff is desirable. The swale should be checked for debris and litter, and areas of sediment accumulation.
- Grass height and mowing frequency may not have a large impact on pollutant removal. Consequently, mowing may only be necessary once or twice a year for safety or aesthetics or to suppress weeds and woody vegetation.
- Trash tends to accumulate in swale areas, particularly along highways. The need for litter removal is determined through periodic inspection, but litter should always be removed prior to mowing.
- Sediment accumulating near culverts and in channels should be removed when it builds up to 75 mm (3 in.) at any spot, or covers vegetation.
- Regularly inspect swales for pools of standing water. Swales can become a nuisance due to mosquito breeding in standing water if obstructions develop (e.g. debris accumulation, invasive vegetation) and/or if proper drainage slopes are not implemented and maintained.



## Cost

### Construction Cost

Little data is available to estimate the difference in cost between various swale designs. One study (SWRPC, 1991) estimated the construction cost of grassed channels at approximately \$0.25 per ft<sup>2</sup>. This price does not include design costs or contingencies. Brown and Schueler (1997) estimate these costs at approximately 32 percent of construction costs for most stormwater management practices. For swales, however, these costs would probably be significantly higher since the construction costs are so low compared with other practices. A more realistic estimate would be a total cost of approximately \$0.50 per ft<sup>2</sup>, which compares favorably with other stormwater management practices.

Table 2 Swale Cost Estimate (SEWRPC, 1991)

Component	Unit	Extent	Unit Cost			Total Cost		
			Low	Moderate	High	Low	Moderate	High
Mobilization / Demobilization-Light	Swale	1	\$107	\$274	\$441	\$107	\$274	\$441
Site Preparation								
Clearing <sup>a</sup>	Acre	0.5	\$2,200	\$3,800	\$5,400	\$1,100	\$1,900	\$2,700
Grubbing <sup>b</sup>	Acre	0.25	\$3,800	\$5,200	\$6,600	\$950	\$1,300	\$1,650
General	Yd <sup>3</sup>	372	\$2.10	\$3.70	\$5.30	\$781	\$1,376	\$1,972
Excavation <sup>c</sup>	Yd <sup>3</sup>	1,210	\$0.20	\$0.35	\$0.50	\$242	\$424	\$605
Level and Till <sup>d</sup>								
Sites Development								
Salvaged Topsoil	Yd <sup>2</sup>	1,210	\$0.40	\$1.00	\$1.60	\$484	\$1,210	\$1,936
Seed, and Mulch <sup>e</sup>	Yd <sup>2</sup>	1,210	\$1.20	\$2.40	\$3.60	\$1,452	\$2,904	\$4,356
Sod <sup>f</sup>								
Subtotal	--	--	--	--	--	\$5,116	\$9,388	\$13,660
Contingencies	Swale	1	25%	25%	25%	\$1,279	\$2,347	\$3,415
Total	--	--	--	--	--	\$6,395	\$11,735	\$17,075

Source: (SEWRPC, 1991)

Note: Mobilization/demobilization refers to the organization and planning involved in establishing a vegetative swale.

<sup>a</sup> Swale has a bottom width of 1.0 foot, a top width of 10 feet with 1:3 side slopes, and a 1,000-foot length.<sup>b</sup> Area cleared = (top width + 10 feet) x swale length.<sup>c</sup> Area grubbed = (top width x swale length).<sup>d</sup> Volume excavated = (0.67 x top width x swale depth) x swale length (parabolic cross-section).<sup>e</sup> Area filled = (top width +  $\frac{8(\text{swale depth}^2)}{3(\text{top width})}$ ) x swale length (parabolic cross-section).<sup>f</sup> Area seeded = area cleared x 0.5.<sup>g</sup> Area sodded = area cleared x 0.5.

Table 3 Estimated Maintenance Costs (SEWRPC, 1991)

Component	Unit Cost	Swale Size (Depth and Top Width)		Comment
		1.5 Foot Depth, One-Foot Bottom Width, 10-Foot Top Width	3-Foot Depth, 3-Foot Bottom Width, 21-Foot Top Width	
Lawn Mowing	\$0.85 / 1,000 ft <sup>2</sup> / mowing	\$0.14 / linear foot	\$0.21 / linear foot	Lawn maintenance area = (top width + 10 feet) x length. Mow eight times per year
General Lawn Care	\$9.00 / 1,000 ft <sup>2</sup> / year	\$0.18 / linear foot	\$0.28 / linear foot	Lawn maintenance area = (top width + 10 feet) x length
Swale Debris and Litter Removal	\$0.10 / linear foot / year	\$0.10 / linear foot	\$0.10 / linear foot	—
Grass Reseeding with Mulch and Fertilizer	\$0.30 / yd <sup>2</sup>	\$0.01 / linear foot	\$0.01 / linear foot	Area revegetated equals 1% of lawn maintenance area per year
Program Administration and Swale Inspection	\$0.15 / linear foot / year, plus \$25 / inspection	\$0.15 / linear foot	\$0.15 / linear foot	Inspect four times per year
Total	--	\$0.58 / linear foot	\$0.75 / linear foot	—



### Maintenance Cost

Caltrans (2002) estimated the expected annual maintenance cost for a swale with a tributary area of approximately 2 ha at approximately \$2,700. Since almost all maintenance consists of mowing, the cost is fundamentally a function of the mowing frequency. Unit costs developed by SEWRPC are shown in Table 3. In many cases vegetated channels would be used to convey runoff and would require periodic mowing as well, so there may be little additional cost for the water quality component. Since essentially all the activities are related to vegetation management, no special training is required for maintenance personnel.

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Table 3 Estimated Maintenance Costs (SEWRPC, 1991)

Component	Unit Cost	Swale Size (Depth and Top Width)		Comment
		1.5 Foot Depth, One-Foot Bottom Width, 10-Foot Top Width	3-Foot Depth, 3-Foot Bottom Width, 21-Foot Top Width	
Lawn Mowing	\$0.85 / 1,000 ft <sup>2</sup> / mowing	\$0.14 / linear foot	\$0.21 / linear foot	Lawn maintenance area = (top width + 10 feet) x length. Mow eight times per year
General Lawn Care	\$9.00 / 1,000 ft <sup>2</sup> / year	\$0.18 / linear foot	\$0.28 / linear foot	Lawn maintenance area = (top width + 10 feet) x length
Swale Debris and Litter Removal	\$0.10 / linear foot / year	\$0.10 / linear foot	\$0.10 / linear foot	—
Grass Reseeding with Mulch and Fertilizer	\$0.30 / yd <sup>2</sup>	\$0.01 / linear foot	\$0.01 / linear foot	Area revegetated equals 1% of lawn maintenance area per year
Program Administration and Swale Inspection	\$0.15 / linear foot / year, plus \$25 / inspection	\$0.15 / linear foot	\$0.15 / linear foot	Inspect four times per year
Total	--	\$0.58 / linear foot	\$0.75 / linear foot	--



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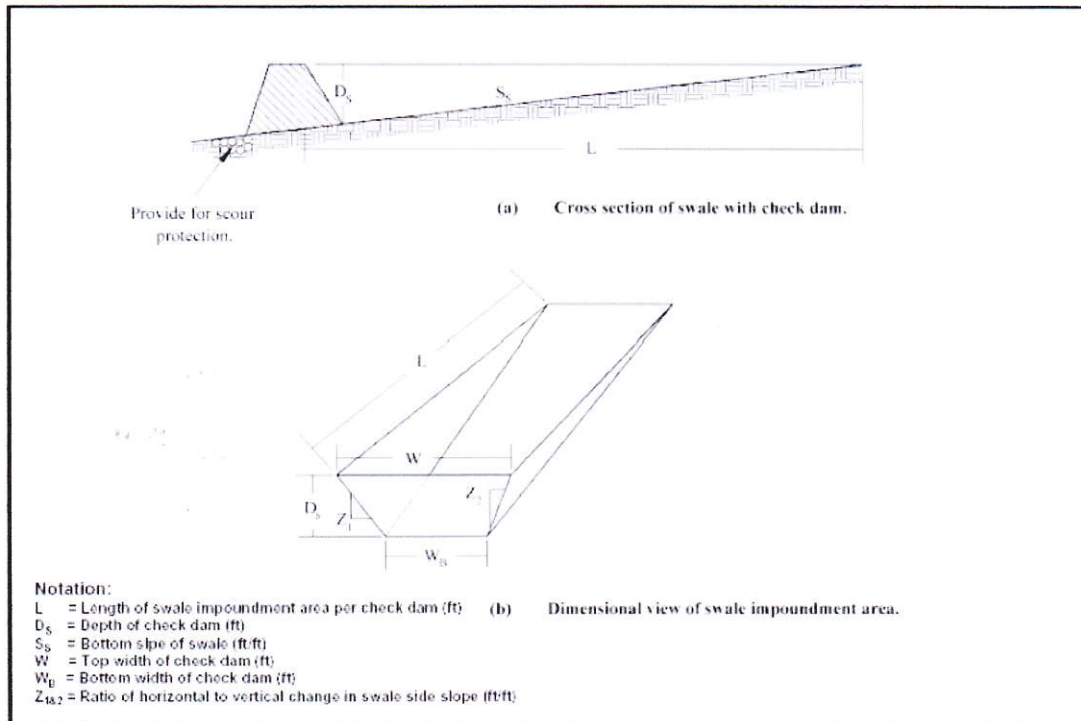
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## Design Considerations

- Tributary Area
- Slope
- Water Availability
- Aesthetics

## Description

Grassed buffer strips (vegetated filter strips, filter strips, and grassed filters) are vegetated surfaces that are designed to treat sheet flow from adjacent surfaces. Filter strips function by slowing runoff velocities and allowing sediment and other pollutants to settle and by providing some infiltration into underlying soils. Filter strips were originally used as an agricultural treatment practice and have more recently evolved into an urban practice. With proper design and maintenance, filter strips can provide relatively high pollutant removal. In addition, the public views them as landscaped amenities and not as stormwater infrastructure. Consequently, there is little resistance to their use.

## California Experience

Caltrans constructed and monitored three vegetated buffer strips in southern California and is currently evaluating their performance at eight additional sites statewide. These strips were generally effective in reducing the volume and mass of pollutants in runoff. Even in the areas where the annual rainfall was only about 10 inches/yr, the vegetation did not require additional irrigation. One factor that strongly affected performance was the presence of large numbers of gophers at most of the southern California sites. The gophers created earthen mounds, destroyed vegetation, and generally reduced the effectiveness of the controls for TSS reduction.

## Advantages

- Buffers require minimal maintenance activity (generally just erosion prevention and mowing).
- If properly designed, vegetated, and operated, buffer strips can provide reliable water quality benefits in conjunction with high aesthetic appeal.

## Targeted Constituents

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sediment	■
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nutrients	●
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## Legend (Removal Effectiveness)

- Low
- High
- ▲ Medium





- Flow characteristics and vegetation type and density can be closely controlled to maximize BMP effectiveness.
- Roadside shoulders act as effective buffer strips when slope and length meet criteria described below.

**Limitations**

- May not be appropriate for industrial sites or locations where spills may occur.
- Buffer strips cannot treat a very large drainage area.
- A thick vegetative cover is needed for these practices to function properly.
- Buffer or vegetative filter length must be adequate and flow characteristics acceptable or water quality performance can be severely limited.
- Vegetative buffers may not provide treatment for dissolved constituents except to the extent that flows across the vegetated surface are infiltrated into the soil profile.
- This technology does not provide significant attenuation of the increased volume and flow rate of runoff during intense rain events.

**Design and Sizing Guidelines**

- Maximum length (in the direction of flow towards the buffer) of the tributary area should be 60 feet.
- Slopes should not exceed 15%.
- Minimum length (in direction of flow) is 15 feet.
- Width should be the same as the tributary area.
- Either grass or a diverse selection of other low growing, drought tolerant, native vegetation should be specified. Vegetation whose growing season corresponds to the wet season is preferred.

**Construction/Inspection Considerations**

- Include directions in the specifications for use of appropriate fertilizer and soil amendments based on soil properties determined through testing and compared to the needs of the vegetation requirements.
- Install strips at the time of the year when there is a reasonable chance of successful establishment without irrigation; however, it is recognized that rainfall in a given year may not be sufficient and temporary irrigation may be required.
- If sod tiles must be used, they should be placed so that there are no gaps between the tiles; stagger the ends of the tiles to prevent the formation of channels along the strip.
- Use a roller on the sod to ensure that no air pockets form between the sod and the soil.

- Where seeds are used, erosion controls will be necessary to protect seeds for at least 75 days after the first rainfall of the season.

## Performance

Vegetated buffer strips tend to provide somewhat better treatment of stormwater runoff than swales and have fewer tendencies for channelization or erosion. Table 1 documents the pollutant removal observed in a recent study by Caltrans (2002) based on three sites in southern California. The column labeled "Significance" is the probability that the mean influent and effluent EMCs are not significantly different based on an analysis of variance.

The removal of sediment and dissolved metals was comparable to that observed in much more complex controls. Reduction in nitrogen was not significant and all of the sites exported phosphorus for the entire study period. This may have been the result of using salt grass, a warm weather species that is dormant during the wet season, and which leaches phosphorus when dormant.

Another Caltrans study (unpublished) of vegetated highway shoulders as buffer strips also found substantial reductions often within a very short distance of the edge of pavement. Figure 1 presents a box and whisker plot of the concentrations of TSS in highway runoff after traveling various distances (shown in meters) through a vegetated filter strip with a slope of about 10%. One can see that the TSS median concentration reaches an irreducible minimum concentration of about 20 mg/L within 5 meters of the pavement edge.

**Table 1 Pollutant Reduction in a Vegetated Buffer Strip**

Constituent	Mean EMC		Removal %	Significance P
	Influent (mg/L)	Effluent (mg/L)		
TSS	119	31	74	<0.000
NO <sub>3</sub> -N	0.67	0.58	13	0.367
TKN-N	2.50	2.10	16	0.542
Total N <sup>a</sup>	3.17	2.68	15	-
Dissolved P	0.15	0.46	-206	0.047
Total P	0.42	0.62	-52	0.035
Total Cu	0.058	0.009	84	<0.000
Total Pb	0.046	0.006	88	<0.000
Total Zn	0.245	0.055	78	<0.000
Dissolved Cu	0.029	0.007	77	0.004
Dissolved Pb	0.004	0.002	66	0.006
Dissolved Zn	0.099	0.035	65	<0.000



are not expected to increase stormwater temperatures. Thus, these practices are good for protection of cold-water streams.

Filter strips should be separated from the ground water by between 2 and 4 ft to prevent contamination and to ensure that the filter strip does not remain wet between storms.

## Additional Design Guidelines

Filter strips appear to be a minimal design practice because they are basically no more than a grassed slope. In general the slope of the strip should not exceed 15% and the strip should be at least 15 feet long to provide water quality treatment. Both the top and toe of the slope should be as flat as possible to encourage sheet flow and prevent erosion. The top of the strip should be installed 2-5 inches below the adjacent pavement, so that vegetation and sediment accumulation at the edge of the strip does not prevent runoff from entering.

A major question that remains unresolved is how large the drainage area to a strip can be. Research has conclusively demonstrated that these are effective on roadside shoulders, where the contributing area is about twice the buffer area. They have also been installed on the perimeter of large parking lots where they performed fairly effectively; however much lower slopes may be needed to provide adequate water quality treatment.

The filter area should be densely vegetated with a mix of erosion-resistant plant species that effectively bind the soil. Native or adapted grasses, shrubs, and trees are preferred because they generally require less fertilizer and are more drought resistant than exotic plants. Runoff flow velocities should not exceed about 1 fps across the vegetated surface.

For engineered vegetative strips, the facility surface should be graded flat prior to placement of vegetation. Initial establishment of vegetation requires attentive care including appropriate watering, fertilization, and prevention of excessive flow across the facility until vegetation completely covers the area and is well established. Use of a permanent irrigation system may help provide maximal water quality performance.

In cold climates, filter strips provide a convenient area for snow storage and treatment. If used for this purpose, vegetation in the filter strip should be salt-tolerant (e.g., creeping bentgrass), and a maintenance schedule should include the removal of sand built up at the bottom of the slope. In arid or semi-arid climates, designers should specify drought-tolerant grasses to minimize irrigation requirements.

## Maintenance

Filter strips require mainly vegetation management; therefore little special training is needed for maintenance crews. Typical maintenance activities and frequencies include:

- Inspect strips at least twice annually for erosion or damage to vegetation, preferably at the end of the wet season to schedule summer maintenance and before major fall run-off to be sure the strip is ready for winter. However, additional inspection after periods of heavy run-off is most desirable. The strip should be checked for debris and litter and areas of sediment accumulation.
- Recent research on biofiltration swales, but likely applicable to strips (Colwell et al., 2000), indicates that grass height and mowing frequency have little impact on pollutant removal;



consequently, mowing may only be necessary once or twice a year for safety and aesthetics or to suppress weeds and woody vegetation.

- Trash tends to accumulate in strip areas, particularly along highways. The need for litter removal should be determined through periodic inspection but litter should always be removed prior to mowing.
- Regularly inspect vegetated buffer strips for pools of standing water. Vegetated buffer strips can become a nuisance due to mosquito breeding in level spreaders (unless designed to dewater completely in 48-72 hours), in pools of standing water if obstructions develop (e.g. debris accumulation, invasive vegetation), and/or if proper drainage slopes are not implemented and maintained.

### Cost

#### Construction Cost

Little data is available on the actual construction costs of filter strips. One rough estimate can be the cost of seed or sod, which is approximately 30¢ per ft<sup>2</sup> for seed or 70¢ per ft<sup>2</sup> for sod. This amounts to between \$13,000 and \$30,000 per acre of filter strip. This cost is relatively high compared with other treatment practices. However, the grassed area used as a filter strip may have been seeded or sodded even if it were not used for treatment. In these cases, the only additional cost is the design. Typical maintenance costs are about \$350/acre/year (adapted from SWRPC, 1991). This cost is relatively inexpensive and, again, might overlap with regular landscape maintenance costs.

The true cost of filter strips is the land they consume. In some situations this land is available as wasted space beyond back yards or adjacent to roadsides, but this practice is cost-prohibitive when land prices are high and land could be used for other purposes.

#### Maintenance Cost

Maintenance of vegetated buffer strips consists mainly of vegetation management (mowing, irrigation if needed, weeding) and litter removal. Consequently the costs are quite variable depending on the frequency of these activities and the local labor rate.

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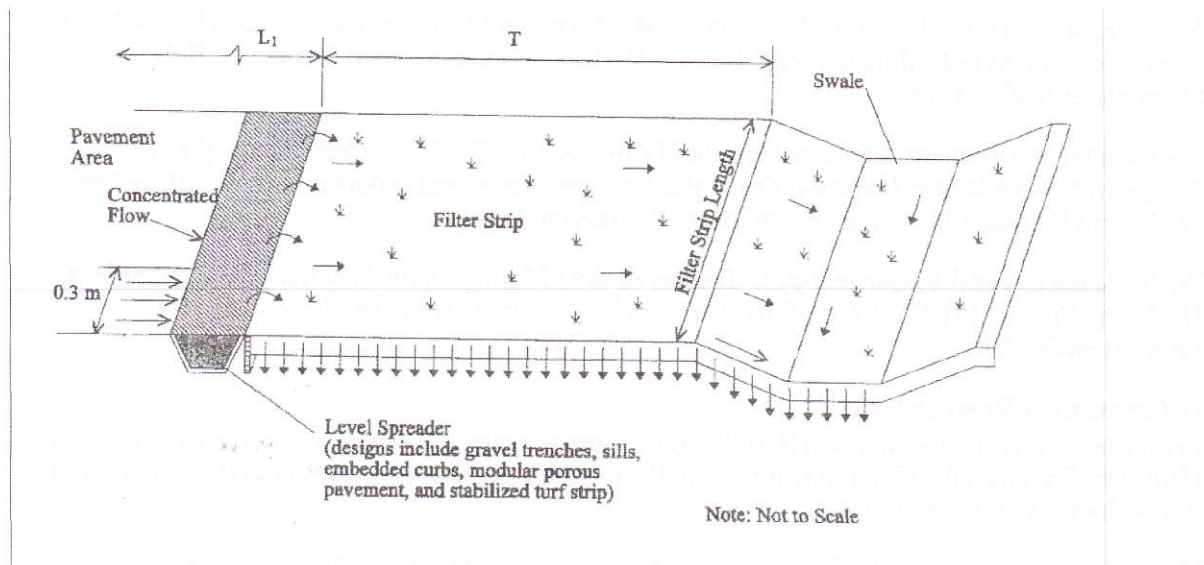
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## Description

Drain inserts are manufactured filters or fabric placed in a drop inlet to remove sediment and debris. There are a multitude of inserts of various shapes and configurations, typically falling into one of three different groups: socks, boxes, and trays. The sock consists of a fabric, usually constructed of polypropylene. The fabric may be attached to a frame or the grate of the inlet holds the sock. Socks are meant for vertical (drop) inlets. Boxes are constructed of plastic or wire mesh. Typically a polypropylene "bag" is placed in the wire mesh box. The bag takes the form of the box. Most box products are one box; that is, the setting area and filtration through media occur in the same box. Some products consist of one or more trays or mesh grates. The trays may hold different types of media. Filtration media vary by manufacturer. Types include polypropylene, porous polymer, treated cellulose, and activated carbon.

## California Experience

The number of installations is unknown but likely exceeds a thousand. Some users have reported that these systems require considerable maintenance to prevent plugging and bypass.

## Advantages

- Does not require additional space as inserts as the drain inlets are already a component of the standard drainage systems.
- Easy access for inspection and maintenance.
- As there is no standing water, there is little concern for mosquito breeding.
- A relatively inexpensive retrofit option.

## Limitations

Performance is likely significantly less than treatment systems that are located at the end of the drainage system such as ponds and vaults. Usually not suitable for large areas or areas with trash or leaves than can plug the insert.

## Design and Sizing Guidelines

Refer to manufacturer's guidelines. Drain inserts come in many configurations but can be placed into three general groups: socks, boxes, and trays. The sock consists of a fabric, usually constructed of polypropylene. The fabric may be attached to a frame or the grate of the inlet holds the sock. Socks are meant for vertical (drop) inlets. Boxes are constructed of plastic or wire mesh. Typically a polypropylene "bag" is placed in the wire mesh box. The bag takes the form of the box. Most box products are

## Design Considerations

- Use with other BMPs
- Fit and Seal Capacity within Inlet

## Targeted Constituents

- ☒ Sediment
- ☒ Nutrients
- ☒ Trash
- ☒ Metals
- ☒ Bacteria
- ☒ Oil and Grease
- ☒ Organics

## Removal Effectiveness

See New Development and Redevelopment Handbook-Section 5.





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**Construction/Inspection Considerations**

Be certain that installation is done in a manner that makes certain that the stormwater enters the unit and does not leak around the perimeter. Leakage between the frame of the insert and the frame of the drain inlet can easily occur with vertical (drop) inlets.

**Performance**

Few products have performance data collected under field conditions.

**Siting Criteria**

It is recommended that inserts be used only for retrofit situations or as pretreatment where other treatment BMPs presented in this section area used.

**Additional Design Guidelines**

Follow guidelines provided by individual manufacturers.

**Maintenance**

Likely require frequent maintenance, on the order of several times per year.

**Cost**

- The initial cost of individual inserts ranges from less than \$100 to about \$2,000. The cost of using multiple units in curb inlet drains varies with the size of the inlet.
- The low cost of inserts may tend to favor the use of these systems over other, more effective treatment BMPs. However, the low cost of each unit may be offset by the number of units that are required, more frequent maintenance, and the shorter structural life (and therefore replacement).

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## **ATTACHMENT F**

### **Operation and Maintenance Costs**

Estimated cost for maintaining and operating bioswale and grass strip are approximately \$150.00 per month for mowing and maintaining irrigation system and providing irrigation. This would be done in any event and is not an added cost for this portion of the system.

Estimated cost for maintaining the fossil filter inserts are \$1,183.40 per year based on Caltrans pilot study costs which are attached.

Maintenance to be provided through condominium association fees.

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HYDRAULIC PARAMETERS OF OPEN CHANNELS

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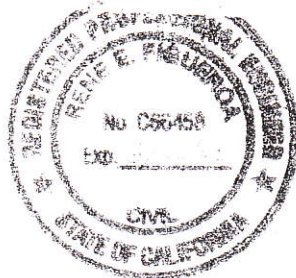
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3. Left Side Slope (Horizontal to 1)	0.02
4. Right Side Slope (Horizontal to 1)	0.02
5. Manning's Coefficient	0.250
6. Discharge (cfs)	0.10
7. Depth of Flow (ft)	0.25

OUTPUT RESULTS

Cross Section Area (Sqft)	0.50
Average Velocity (ft/sec)	0.20
Top Width (ft)	2.01
Hydraulic Radius (ft)	0.20
Froude Number	0.07





## APPENDIX H Estimated O & M Costs for BMP Project

Estimated values derived from Caltrans Pilot BMP Study. This spreadsheet will change as additional data becomes available.															

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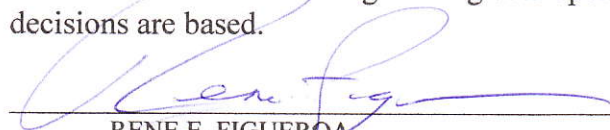
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						Per. Hrs	Rate	Type	Days	rate	Cost		
inspect for debris/trash	Sufficient debris/trash that could interfere with proper functioning of insert	Visual observation	During the wet season	Remove and properly dispose of debris/trash. Target completion period while onsite conducting inspection.		43.63	0			0		0	
Before and once during each target storm (0.25 in) event				Replace Fossil Filter™ adsorbent within 10 working days. Characterize and properly dispose spent media prior to wet season.		18	43.63			0		785.34	
Oil and grease removal	Absorbent granules dark gray, or darker, or unit clogged with sediment.	Visual observation	At the end of each target storm (0.25 in) event	Replace insert or immediately consult vendor to develop course of action; effect repairs within 10 working days.		2	43.63			0		87.26	
specification for structural integrity	Broken or otherwise damaged insert	Visual observation	Twice per year in October and May.	Remove, characterize, and properly dispose of media a Replace media before Oct 1	None	2	43.63			0		87.26	
Annual renewal of medium	End of wet season, April 30	None	Annually, in May			24				21.28		115	223.64
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sediment removal	Sediment more than 6-inches	Visual inspection of sediment collected within insert	During the wet season	Replace insert. Target completion while onsite conducting inspection.						0		0	
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Oil and grease removal	When oil absorbent polymer becomes saturated with oil	Visual observation (absorbent polymer expansion indicates oil saturation)	Monthly	Within 10 working days, replace oil absorbent polymer		2	43.63			0		87.26	
specification for structural integrity	Signs of rips, gashes, and/or fallen media	Visual observation	Twice per year in October and May.	Replace insert or immediately consult vendor to develop a course of action; effect repairs within 10 working days	None	2	43.63			0		87.26	



# ATTACHMENT G

## CERTIFICATION SHEET

This Stormwater Management Plan has been prepared under the direction of the following Registered Civil Engineer. The Registered Civil Engineer attests to the technical information contained herein and the engineering data upon which recommendations, conclusions, and decisions are based.

  
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